

Redrawing the lines

The four members of the Washington State Redistricting Commission each issued a proposed map Tuesday for redrawing the state's congressional boundaries, and adding a 10th district. The panel's members, two Republicans and two Democrats, have until the end of the year to agree on boundaries that will be in effect for the 2012 election. If there is no agreement, the state Supreme Court would draw the map.

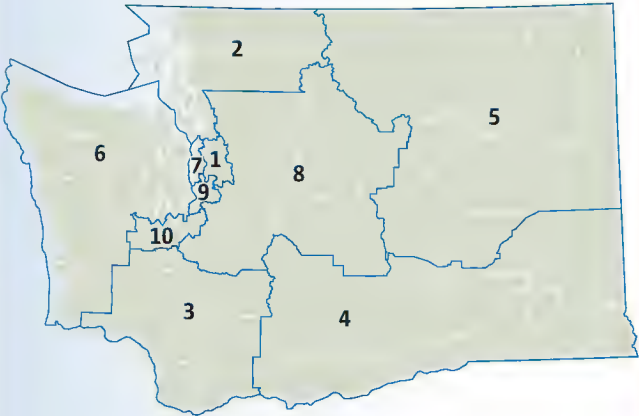
Current congressional districts:



DEMOCRATS

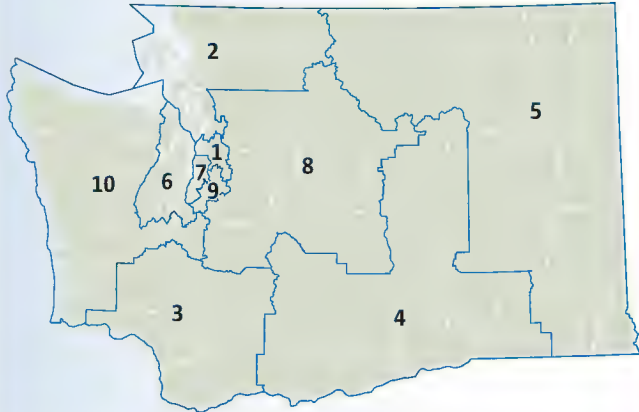
Tim Ceis, former Seattle deputy mayor

- The 10th District would be compact, from roughly Olympia to parts of Pierce County.
- Would make the 9th District, now represented by Adam Smith, D-Tacoma, a majority-minority district.
- The 8th District would become far more rural, picking up Chelan and Kittitas counties.



Dean Foster, former chief of staff to ex-Gov. Booth Gardner

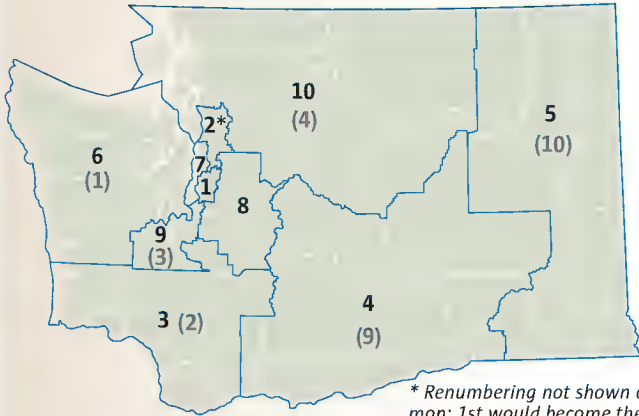
- Only commissioner not to propose a majority-minority district.
- Would make the 10th District large, to include the Olympia area and stretch to the Olympic Peninsula.
- The 6th District would shrink and shift east, losing much of its Olympic Peninsula base.



REPUBLICANS

Slade Gorton, former U.S. senator

- Would renumber the districts, and stretch the new 10th District from the San Juan Islands to Okanogan.
- Would push the 7th District, now mostly Seattle, north to include Edmonds and Lynnwood.
- Would make the 1st District majority-minority, pulling in parts of southeast Seattle, Bellevue, Kent, Auburn, SeaTac.



* Renumbering not shown on map: 1st would become the 6th, 2nd would become 7th and 7th would become 5th.

Tom Huff, former state legislator

- Would make the 10th District a majority-minority district, stretching from southeast Seattle to Federal Way.
- The 8th District would become more rural, reaching across the Cascades to include Chelan and Kittitas counties.
- Would leave the 2th in King County, including Shoreline, Seattle.

